

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14, 15, 18, 19, 27, 28, 30-33, 42, 45 and 48-51, and amend claims 17, 22, 43 and 44, as shown in the listing of claims that follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (canceled).

17. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim ~~15~~ 44, wherein the biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of:

3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)phenylacetic acid;

~~3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoic acid;~~

~~Ethyl 3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)benzoate;~~

6-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoic acid;

Ethyl 6-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoate;

5-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoic acid;

Ethyl 5-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoate;

3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propionic acid; and

Ethyl 3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propanoate.

Claims 18-21 (canceled).

22. (Currently amended) The biologically active agent of claim ~~19~~ 47, selected from the group consisting of:

3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)phenylacetic acid;

6-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoic acid;

Ethyl 6-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-hexanoate;

5-[3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoic acid;

Ethyl 5-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenyl]-pentanoate;
3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propionic acid; and
Ethyl 3-[3-(2,6-dimethylbenzyloxy)phenyl]-propanoate.

Claim 23 (canceled).

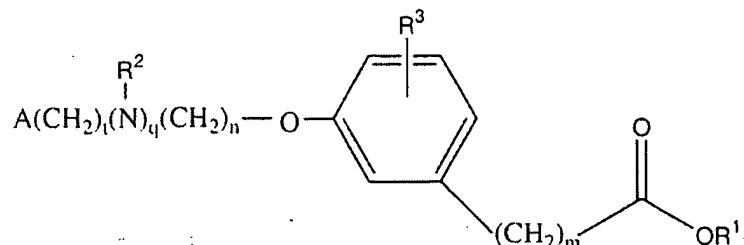
Claim 24 (canceled).

25. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 17, wherein the biologically active agent is 3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenylacetic acid.

26. (Previously presented) The biologically active agent of claim 22, being 3-(2,6-Dimethylbenzyloxy)-phenylacetic acid.

Claims 27-42 (canceled).

43. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition adapted for oral administration, comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and from one milligram to four hundred milligrams of a biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is [[0,]] 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R² is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R³ is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl; phenyl, substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy; or cycloalkyl having from 3 to 6 ring carbon atoms wherein the cycloalkyl is unsubstituted or one or two ring carbons are independently mono-substituted by methyl or ethyl;

and

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

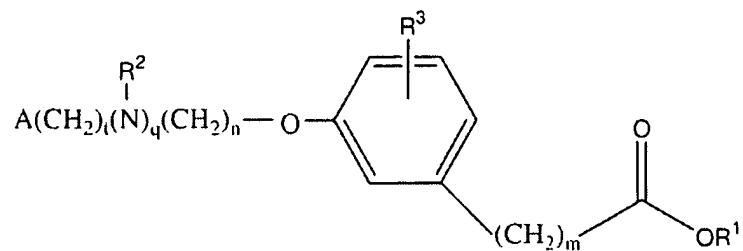
or when R¹ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound.

44. (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 43, wherein n is 1; q is 0; t is 0; R³ is hydrogen; and A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl; phenyl, substituted by 1 or 2 groups selected from: halo, alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, perfluoromethyl, alkoxy having 1 or 2 carbon atoms, and perfluoromethoxy.

Claim 45 (canceled).

46. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 43 in oral dosage form.

47. (Previously presented) A biologically active agent, wherein the agent is a compound of the formula:



wherein

n is 1 or 2;

m is 1, 2, 4, or 5;

q is 0 or 1;

t is 0 or 1;

R² is alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R³ is hydrogen, halo, alkyl having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or alkoxy having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

A is 2,6-dimethylphenyl; and

R¹ is hydrogen or alkyl having 1 or 2 carbon atoms;

or when R¹ is hydrogen, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the compound, wherein the agent is substantially pure.

Claims 48-51 (canceled).